

**SB**

**231**

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# SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: 2/6/08

FURTHER:

DATE TURNED IN TO OFFICE: 4-7-08

Finance Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 231

## SB 231 LOW-INCOME HOUSING; HOMELESSNESS

"An Act relating to the Alaska housing trust fund and to the Alaska Council on the Homeless; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends:

- be replaced with  SCS or  CS SB 231 (HES)
- adopt previous  SCS or  CS \_\_\_\_\_
- attached amendment(s)
- adopt \_\_\_\_\_ Letter of Intent
- further referral to \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

<b>SENATE BILL:</b>	
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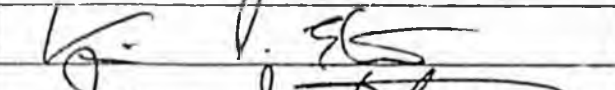
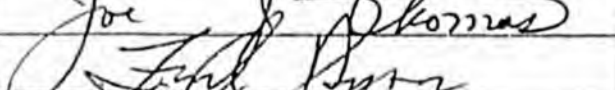

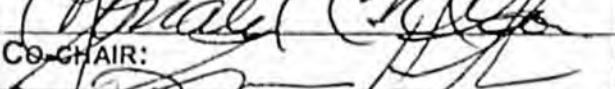
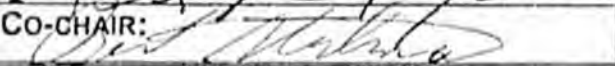


**NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):**

Department	Date	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN#
REV	2/18/08	✓			

**PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):**

Department	Date	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN#
DPS	1/4/08			✓	2
HES	12/20/07			✓	3
COR	12/20/07			✓	4

APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:	PRINTED LAST NAME	DO PASS	DO NOT PASS	NO REC	AMEND
	Elton	✓			
	Thomas	✓			
	Dyson	✓			
	Huggins	✓			
	Olson			✓	
CO-CHAIR: 	Hoffman	✓			
CO-CHAIR: 	Steinhilber			✓	

# FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
2008 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bill Version: CS SB 231 (HESS)  
( ) Publish Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Identifier (file name): 0006-DOR-AHFC-2-18-08 Dept. Affected: Revenue 04  
Title: Alaska Housing Trust Fund RDU: Alaska Housing Finance Corp.  
Sponsor: Governor Component: \_\_\_\_\_  
Requester: Governor Component Number: 110

## Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

	Appropriation Required	Information					
		FY 2009	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>							
Personal Services							
Travel							
Contractual							
Supplies							
Equipment							
Land & Structures							
Grants & Claims							
Miscellaneous							
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>10,000.0</b>	<b>10,000.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )</b>							

FUND SOURCE <span style="float: right;">(Thousands of Dollars)</span>							
1002 Federal Receipts							
1003 GF Match							
1004 GF							
1005 GF/Program Receipts							
1037 GF/Mental Health							
Other Interagency Receipts	0.0						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2008) cost: 0.0

POSITIONS							
Full-time	0.0						
Part-time	0.0						
Temporary	0.0						

**ANALYSIS:** *(Attach a separate page if necessary)*  
There is a zero fiscal note attached to this legislation. The cost of administering the housing trust fund and supporting the Governor's Council will be covered by the capital appropriation (not to exceed 10%) and AHFC's existing operating budget. Administrative costs will include: staff salaries and benefits, travel and training, supplies and materials, and consulting costs. This level of funding will be sufficient to administer the housing trust fund and the Governor's Council.

Prepared by: Bryan Butcher Phone 330-8445  
Division: Alaska Housing Finance Corporation Date/Time 2/18/08 2:00 PM  
Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
2008 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: 2  
Bill Version: SB 231  
(S) Publish Date: 1/18/08

Identifier (file name): 0006-DPS-CO-1-04-08 Dept. Affected: Public Safety  
Title: "An Act relating to the Alaska housing trust fund..." RDU: Statewide Support  
Sponsor: Rules Committee Component: Commissioner's Office  
Requester: Rules Committee Component Number: 523

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

	Appropriation Required	Information					
		FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>							
Personal Services							
Travel							
Contractual							
Supplies							
Equipment							
Land & Structures							
Grants & Claims							
Miscellaneous							
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>							
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<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )</b>							
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**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts							
1003 GF Match							
1004 GF							
1005 GF/Program Receipts							
1037 GF/Mental Health							
Other Interagency Receipts							
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2008) cost: \_\_\_\_\_

**POSITIONS**

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This bill creates a fund to address the needs of Alaska's homeless population. This bill also establishes the Alaska Council on the Homeless with the commissioner of public safety as a member. This bill will have no financial impact on the Department of Public Safety.

Prepared by: Lauren Rico  
Division: Statewide Support  
Approved by: Wall Monegan, Commissioner  
Department of Public Safety

Phone: 269-5591  
Date/Time: 1/4/08 12:00 PM  
Date: 1/4/2008

# FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
2008 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: 3  
 Bill Version: SB 231  
 (S) Publish Date: 1/18/08  
 Dept. Affected: Health & Social Services  
 RDU: Departmental Support Services  
 Component: Off Faith-Based & Community Initiatives

ID(File name) 0006-DHSS-FBCI-12-26-07  
 Title ALASKA HOUSING TRUST FUND  
 Sponsor (RLS) BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR  
 Requester GOVERNOR

Component No. 2849

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

	Appropriation		Information				
	Required						
	FY 2009	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>							
Personal Services							
Travel							
Contractual							
Supplies							
Equipment							
Land & Structures							
Grants & Claims							
Miscellaneous							
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>							
<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES (0)</b>							

**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 2009	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
1002 Federal Receipts							
1003 GF Match							
1004 GF							
1037 GF/Mental Health							
Other(Specify Type-do not abbreviate)							
Other(Specify Type-do not abbreviate)							
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2008) cost: \_\_\_\_\_

**POSITIONS**

	FY 2009	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This legislation establishes the Alaska Housing Trust Fund within the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation. The Housing Trust will serve as a financial structure for receiving money to address the needs of Alaska's homeless and will provide authority to give financial assistance to promote the creation and retention of an adequate supply of affordable housing for low income people. The Governor's FY09 Capital budget includes a request of \$10 million to the Department of Revenue/Alaska Housing Finance Corporation for the Housing Trust.

In addition to the Housing Trust, this legislation creates an advisory council that includes the Commissioner of the Department of Health and Social Services. This legislation has no known fiscal impact to DHSS at this time.

Prepared by: Bill Hogan, Deputy Commissioner  
 Division: Office of the Commissioner  
 Approved by: Karleen Jackson, Commissioner  
 Agency: Department of Health and Social Services

Phone: 465-3030  
 Date/Time: 12/26/2007  
 Date: 12/26/2007

# FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
2008 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: 4  
Bill Version: SB 231  
(S) Publish Date: 1/18/08

Identifier (file name): 0006-DOC-OC-12-20-07 Dept. Affected: Corrections  
Title "Alaska housing trust fund and to the Alaska Council RDU Administration and Operations  
on the Homeless ..." Component Office of the Commissioner  
Sponsor Rules Committee  
Requester Governor Component Number 694

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

	Appropriation Required	Information						
		FY 2009	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>								
Personal Services	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Travel	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Contractual	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Supplies	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Equipment	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Land & Structures	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Grants & Claims	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>								
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<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )</b>								
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**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1003 GF Match	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1004 GF	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1005 GF/Program Receipts	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1037 GF/Mental Health	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other Interagency Receipts	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2008) cost: 0.0

**POSITIONS**

Full-time	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Part-time	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Temporary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

**ANALYSIS:** *(Attach a separate page if necessary)*

Passage of this legislation should have no fiscal impact on the Department of Corrections.

Prepared by: Sharleen Griffin, Director  
Division: Administrative Services  
Approved by: Dwayne Peoples, Deputy Commissioner  
Department of Corrections

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Date/Time 12/20/07 1:55 PM  
Date 12/20/2007

Jane Pearson

Jane \_\_\_\_\_

4-7-08

Chair Stedman and committee members for the record my name is ~~Patty Krueger~~ and I am staff to Representative Ramras. I thank the committee members for the opportunity to present HB 319

- Oral health plays a key role in overall health. Unfortunately not all Alaskan's enjoy good dental health due to geographical barriers, cost of dental care and limitations on dental personnel.
- HB 319 follows the provisions allowing for expanded duties of dental hygienist and dental assistants improving access to dental care and reducing costs for dental care.
- With expanded duties, dental hygienist, dental assistants and dentists can provide greater access and more costs effective care.
- This bill specifically lays the framework for expanding dental assistant's duties for two specific procedures. It would allow a certified dental assistant, under a dentist's direct supervision to place fillings into a cavity prepared by a licensed dentist. And allows a certified dental assistant, under a dentist's direct supervision, to polish teeth that are already clean of tarter. These expanded duties are already permitted in 36 other states.
- Includes under a dental hygienists' scope of practice the ability to obtain a restorative function endorsement permitting placement of a filling into a cavity prepared by a licensed dentist and perform the activities authorized under a collaborative agreement with licensed dentist.
- Authorizes a licensed dental hygienist to administer local anesthetic agents under the general supervision of a licensed dentist. 16 other states have variations of these provisions in place.
- Authorizes the Dental Board to approve a collaborative agreement between a licensed dentist and a licensed dental hygienist and specifies the services and procedures allowed under a collaborative agreement.
- Applies supervision requirements to a dental hygienist operation in conjunction with a licensed dentist under a collaborative agreement.
- Dental assistants who perform expanded duties of packing cavities or polishing teeth will have to pass a training program and an exam prior to becoming eligible for certification by the Alaska Dental Board. Furthermore, the supervising dentist must personally authorize the procedure and examine the patient afterwards.

- This bill is supported by the Alaska Dental Society, Alaska Board of Dental Examiners, Alaska State Dental Hygienist Association, Alaska Dental Outreach Consortium and the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium.
- Oral health plays a key role in overall health. Untreated dental problems can cause pain, affect nutrition, and influence quality of life. Good dental health contributes to a healthy lifestyle and promotes good self esteem. Unfortunately, not all Alaskan's enjoy good dental health due to limitations on dental personnel, geographical barriers, fear of dental treatment, and cost of dental care. This bill will increase the efficiency of delivering dental while upholding the quality of that care.
- HB 319 meets the goals of the preliminary report for the Governor's Health Care Strategies Planning Council.
- I thank the committee for hearing this bill and appreciate their support for this legislation. IF the committee has any question I will be happy to answer them.
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- Dr Dave Logan Alaska Dental Society
- Dave Eichler Alaska Dental Board
- Pete Higgins
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- Gail Walden AK State Dental Hygienist Association Wasilla LIO
- Royann Royer – will call in via the offnet number
- Dr. Glenn Martin – will call in via the offnet number

# FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
2008 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: 2  
Bill Version: SB 231  
(S) Publish Date: 1/18/08

Identifier (file name): 0006-DPS-CO-1-04-08 Dept. Affected: Public Safety  
Title: "An Act relating to the Alaska housing trust fund..." RDU: Statewide Support  
Component: Commissioner's Office  
Sponsor: Rules Committee  
Requester: Rules Committee Component Number: 523

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

	Appropriation Required	Information						
		FY 2009	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>								
Personal Services								
Travel								
Contractual								
Supplies								
Equipment								
Land & Structures								
Grants & Claims								
Miscellaneous								
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>								
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<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )</b>								
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**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts								
1003 GF Match								
1004 GF								
1005 GF/Program Receipts								
1037 GF/Mental Health								
Other Interagency Receipts								
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2008) cost: \_\_\_\_\_

**POSITIONS**

Full-time								
Part-time								
Temporary								

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This bill creates a fund to address the needs of Alaska's homeless population. This bill also establishes the Alaska Council on the Homeless with the commissioner of public safety as a member. This bill will have no financial impact on the Department of Public Safety.

Prepared by: Lauren Rico  
Division: Statewide Support  
Approved by: Walt Monogan, Commissioner  
Department of Public Safety

Phone: 269-5591  
Date/Time: 1/1/08 12:00 PM  
Date: 1/1/2008

# FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
2008 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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 Dept. Affected: Health & Social Services  
 RDU: Departmental Support Services  
 Component: Off Faith-Based & Community Initiatives

ID (File name) 0006-DHSS-FBCI-12-26-07  
 Title ALASKA HOUSING TRUST FUND

Sponsor (RLS) BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR  
 Requester GOVERNOR Component No. 2849

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

	Appropriation		Information				
	Required						
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2009	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
Personal Services							
Travel							
Contractual							
Supplies							
Equipment							
Land & Structures							
Grants & Claims							
Miscellaneous							
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES							
CHANGE IN REVENUES (0)							

**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts							
1003 GF Match							
1004 GF							
1037 GF/Mental Health							
Other (Specify Type-do not abbreviate)							
Other (Specify Type-do not abbreviate)							
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2008) cost: \_\_\_\_\_

**POSITIONS**

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

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Prepared by: Bill Hogan, Deputy Commissioner Phone 465-3030  
 Division Office of the Commissioner Date/Time 12/26/2007  
 Approved by: Karleen Jackson, Commissioner Date 12/26/2007  
 Agency Department of Health and Social Services

# FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
2008 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: 4  
Bill Version: SB 231  
(S) Publish Date: 1/18/08

Identifier (file name): 0006-DOC-OC-12-20-07 Dept. Affected: Corrections  
Title: "Alaska housing trust fund and to the Alaska Council  
on the Homeless ..." RDU: Administration and Operations  
Sponsor: Rules Committee Component: Office of the Commissioner  
Requester: Governor Component Number: 694

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

	Appropriation Required	Information						
		FY 2009	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>								
Personal Services	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Travel	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Contractual	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Supplies	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Equipment	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Land & Structures	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Grants & Claims	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>								
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<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )</b>								
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FUND SOURCE		(Thousands of Dollars)						
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1002 Federal Receipts	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1003 GF Match	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1004 GF	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1005 GF/Program Receipts	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1037 GF/Mental Health	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other Interagency Receipts	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2008) cost: 0.0

**POSITIONS**

	FY 2009	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
Full-time	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Part-time	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Temporary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Passage of this legislation should have no fiscal impact on the Department of Corrections.

Prepared by: Sharleen Griffin, Director  
Division: Administrative Services  
Approved by: Dwayne Peoples, Deputy Commissioner  
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**Darwin Peterson**

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**From:** Mark Romick [mromick@ahfc.state.ak.us]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 04, 2008 9:49 AM  
**To:** Darwin Peterson  
**Cc:** Bryan Butcher; jeff@mhtrust.org  
**Subject:** Questions from SB231 Senate Finance Hearing

Here are the responses that are outstanding from the hearing. As you noted, Senator Elton's concerns have been addressed and we sent the homeless information to John Weise in Senator Hoffman's office. Let Bryan or I know if there are any other questions we need to address.

**Senator Huggins Questions:**

We understand Senator Huggins's concerns regarding the foreclosure intervention option, but we don't believe it would become an issue. Alaska is not experiencing the high level of foreclosures that the rest of the US is facing. Although the economy may not be growing by leaps and bounds, the Dept. of Labor reports it is at the worst, flat. Although the number of foreclosures has increased over the last two years, it is still lower than 2000. If Alaska had a repeat of the 80's, then certainly the number of foreclosure interventions would go up, but the Council would be in a position to limit the use of the fund for this purpose. AHFC and the Council would be very comfortable making these decisions.

If a concern still remains, we could insert language that limited foreclosure assistance (per household) to the equivalent of three month mortgage payments.

AHFC estimates the direct program administrative costs to be no more than 10% of the available fund. AHFC will be assuming many of the administrative cost related to accounting, information services, etc. Direct program costs will include staff salaries and benefits, travel, program monitoring and evaluation, computer equipment, etc.

**Senator Thomas's Comment:**

We believe the Governor's Council and the proposed fund targeted towards addressing affordable housing and homelessness will have a measurable impact. The discussions surrounding the work of the original Council, by itself, produced a number of positive changes including the early application of social security benefits for disabled people leaving correctional institutions. This has increased the success rate for ex-offenders finding a stable place to leave.

SB231 sets up the framework for implementing programs that will impact homelessness. We know from Seattle's experience that an investment in preventing homelessness in 160 chronic inebriates, saved Seattle \$3.2 million dollars. We know from examples in Colorado and New York, that similar savings have occurred from using supportive housing funded by housing trusts. Housing trusts do work and have a measurable impact on homelessness. During the hearing, we talked about the success of the Bridge Home program that has helped mental health trust beneficiaries get stable housing and reduce hospital admissions. The Short Term Housing Assistance program, also funded by the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority, helped 40 people avoid eviction and foreclosure during 2007, for an average one time investment of \$2,400.

**Senator Stedman Requested Info:****SITKA Information on differences between average and median prices.**

February 2008: Source Realtor.com  
 For all properties in the  
 City and Borough of Sitka

Average SFR	460,758
Median SFR	409,250

Median Condo                    213,313  
 Average Condo                 194,000

For AHFC's Loan Portfolio:

## AHFC Loan Activity Average versus Median Sale Prices

City and Borough of Sitka  
 1990 - 2007

<u>Year</u>	<u>Average Sales Price</u>	<u>Median Sales Price</u>
1990	120,087	120,665
1991	125,730	119,364
1992	132,939	128,935
1993	131,130	118,183
1994	123,170	115,571
1995	175,740	144,744
1996	252,918	175,007
1997	193,465	193,636
1998	176,913	136,000
1999	195,142	157,352
2000	225,658	191,992
2001	196,344	175,000
2002	189,057	167,469
2003	222,765	199,503
2004	206,100	200,000
2005	197,373	209,995
2006	278,708	262,000
2007	277,517	264,991
2008	314,987	314,986

The small difference between the average and median for AHFC's portfolio is due to the relatively small number of loans purchased by AHFC in Sitka. This is because AHFC tends to finance first time homebuyers, who are not able to afford the higher priced homes as shown in the Realtor.com information above. That information reflects the market as a whole, not just AHFC's portfolio.

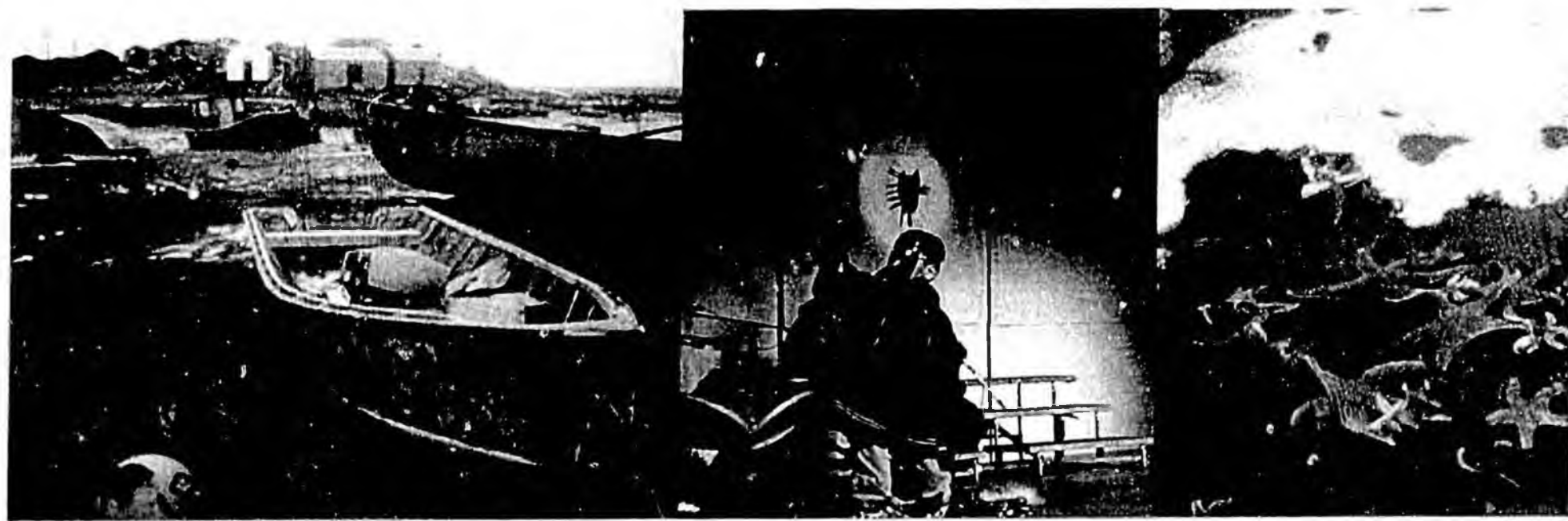
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# 2005 Housing Assessment

## Findings Statewide & for Calista Region



# Calista Region Characteristics



- People live in the same community for a long time
- Low rate of college completion
- Low income
  - 18.6% of households bring in less than \$10,000 per year
  - 43.4% of households bring in \$10,000 to \$30,000
  - 62% of households have income of \$30,000 or less
- High subsistence activity – 84.5% of respondents



# Calista Construction Costs

Construction Cost Estimation – based on end of year 2004

Statewide average cost estimated \$168,033 per unit, \$204,157 per single family unit

Transportation Index:

- AHFC Transportation Index Value Applied to Bethel CA
- Index based on AVCP info applied to Wade-Hampton CA
- The cost construct units in these two census areas was averaged to reach a value for the Calista region

\$24,000 shipping cost for each housing unit

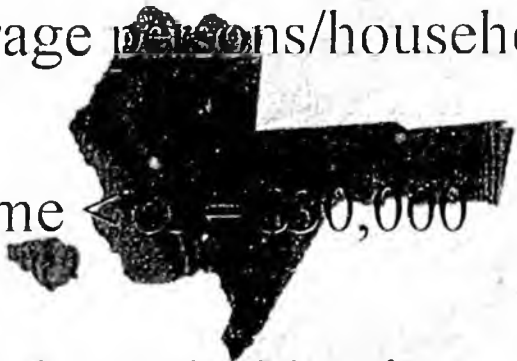
Estimated average cost to build a new housing unit in the Calista Region \$304,392 – this is the value used in generating cost estimates

# Calista Housing Characteristics

- Estimated number of households in 2005 = 7,536
- Number of households counted in 2000 census = 7,238
- In 2005 there were an estimated 4.95 residents per households
- Median of 212 sf per resident
- Slightly more than 1 in 10 houses in the region are 500 sf or smaller
- More than half less than 1,000 sf




# How different is Calista Region?



	Statewide	Calista
• 2000 Population	626,932	23,034
• Average persons/household	2.4	4.95
• Income < \$30,000	34 %	62 %
• Mean household unit	1,507 sq ft	1,048
• Median household unit	1,300 sq ft	1,000

# How different is Calista Region?



	Statewide	Calista
• Mean sq ft per resident	634	300
• Median sq ft per resident	500	212
• No running water	10 %	33 %
• Drafty	45 %	75 %

# Calista Region Housing Condition

- 53% of respondents reported some ice build-up on the inside of their homes
- 48% of respondents reported some mold or mildew on the inside of their home
- 85% of respondents reported having double pane windows in their home
- 92% of respondents report heating with oil or diesel
- 69% of respondents indicate that the homes in which they live are “in good shape” or “in need of repair but manageable”

# Positive Change

- Estimated 298 new housing units between 2000 and 2005
- In 1991 nearly half of all homes had 150 square feet or less per resident
- In 2005, that number has decreased to just over 30 percent
- The number of homes with more than 300 square feet per resident increased from 20 to 34 percent between 1991 and 2005
- Lowest rent reported in the state – average \$466 per month

# Need and Challenges

- Total new units needed - 3,581
- Private housing market does not fill need
  - High cost building
  - Low wage earnings
- The average cost to build a new home in excess of \$300,000 per unit
- Total estimated cost - \$1,134.8 million



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## SPONSOR STATEMENT

### Senate Bill 231

**“An Act relating to the Alaska housing trust fund and to the Alaska Council on the Homeless; and providing for an effective date.”**

SB 231 will create a housing trust fund within the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) to address the problems of homelessness in the State of Alaska. It will increase AHFC’s flexibility in addressing long term solutions to homelessness. SB 231 will also codify the role of the Governor’s Council on the Homeless, which has been operating under Administrative Order. This bill is the culmination of many years of work by several statewide advocacy groups and one of the main recommendations of the Governor’s Council on the Homeless, a cabinet level advisory group.

Homelessness is one of the most important social issues facing Alaska.

- 3,500 Alaskans are homeless on any given night, including 1,600 people in families with children.
- 4,000 Alaskan households are on the waiting list for public housing programs – most are families with children.
- 20,000 low-income Alaska households spend more than half their income on housing, placing them at risk of homelessness.

The development of housing alone is not enough to provide permanent solutions to homelessness. People who are homeless, or at risk of being homeless, frequently need supportive services to be successful, such as: treatment, crisis intervention, tenant education, financial literacy, job counseling, and life-skills training.

There are high personal and financial costs associated with the homeless and families at-risk of being homeless.

- Personal costs to individuals and families include a higher risk of crime victimization, increased medical and behavioral health needs, and lower student achievement
- Financial costs to local governments and the State include increased use of emergency services, medical and behavioral health services, public safety and the courts.

Placing a housing trust within AHFC expands the services of the State without expanding government’s size. SB324 will give AHFC and its partners the flexibility to address homelessness in Alaska. Housing trusts are a proven nationwide model.

- There are 600 housing trust funds operating nationwide.



- They generate more than \$1.6 billion a year to support critical housing needs and affordable housing across the U.S.
- On average, each \$1 spent by a housing trust fund leverages \$7 in other funds.

The Governor's proposed FY09 capital budget includes a \$10 million request for the establishment of the housing trust fund. This \$10 million is made up of funds from four different sources: \$2.5 million each from the AHFC dividend, Mental Health Trust Authority receipts, state general funds and contributions from other private sources.



SECTIONAL ANALYSIS  
Senate Bill 231

"An Act relating to the Alaska housing trust fund and to the Alaska Council on the Homeless; and providing for an effective date."

Section 1: Amends AS 18.56 by adding new sections that:

- a. Establishes the Alaska housing trust fund and its funding priorities.
- b. Increases AHFC's authority to participate in projects that meet the intent of the fund.
- c. Allows for administrative costs to be paid from the fund.
- d. Establishes long term affordability goals for projects funded through the trust fund.
- e. Establishes eligible organizations for funding.
- f. Allows for the adoption of regulations.
- g. Establishes the Alaska Council on the Homeless as an advisory council to AHFC.
- h. Outlines the Councils' membership.
- i. Establishes AHFC's reporting requirements for the trust fund.
- j. Defines specific terms.

Section 2: Effective date is July 1, 2008.



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## Ratio of Average Home Price to Median Family Income

The Ratio of Average Home Price to Median Family Income (The ratio times MFI equals Ave Home Price.)

Location	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	% Change
Anchorage	2.7	2.8	2.8	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.4	3.6	3.2	3.3	3.6	4.0		46.4%
MatSu Borough	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.6	2.5	2.6	2.7	2.8	2.7	2.9	3.1	3.2		41.1%
Fairbanks North Star	2.7	2.8	3.0	3.1	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.1	2.7	2.7	2.8	3.4		25.1%
Kenai Peninsula Borough	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.7	2.9	2.8	2.9	3.2	2.6	2.6	2.9	3.1		42.3%
Juneau	2.7	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.2	3.3	2.9	3.1	3.3	3.5		27.6%
Ketchikan	2.9	3.0	2.9	2.9	2.9	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.2	2.8	3.2	2.8		-2.6%
Kodiak			3.2	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.7	3.4	2.8	3.0	3.2	3.1		-4.5%
Belhel						6.3	6.4	7.5	5.1	4.0	5.2	5.1		-18.6%
Sitka													6.2	0.0%
Rest of State Average	3.4	3.6	3.7	3.8	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.2	3.1	3.4	3.4		0.3%
<b>Statewide Total</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>3.8</b>		<b>33.5%</b>

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February 6, 2008

The Honorable Bert Stedman  
Chair, Senate Finance Committee  
Alaska State Legislature  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Re: SB 231 - An Act relating to the Alaska housing trust and to the Alaska Council on the Homeless

Dear Co-Chair Stedman:

SB 231 will create a housing trust fund within the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) to address the problems of homelessness in the State of Alaska. It will increase AHFC's flexibility in addressing long term solutions to homelessness.

This bill will also codify the role of the Governor's Council on the Homeless, which has been operating under Administrative Order.

Homelessness is one of the most important social issues facing Alaska. The Alaska constitution requires the State to protect the public's safety, including ensuring that all Alaskans have a safe and decent place to live. Housing alone is not enough. People who are homeless, or at risk of being homeless, frequently need supportive services to be self-reliant. There are high personal and public financial costs associated with homelessness and those at-risk of being homeless. Placing the housing trust within AHFC expands the services of the State without expanding government's size. The cost of administering this fund and the Council will be covered by AHFC from the capital appropriation. Creation of a housing trust is a proven model to address homelessness.

I respectfully request that this bill be scheduled for a hearing at your earliest convenience, upon referral. I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

If you need assistance or information, please do not hesitate to contact Bryan Butcher at 330-8445.

Sincerely,

Daniel R. Fauske  
CEO/Executive Director

# FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
2008 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bill Version: CS SB 231 (HESS)  
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Identifier (file name): 0006-DOR-AHFC-2-18-08 Dept. Affected: Revenue 04  
 Title: Alaska Housing Trust Fund RDU: Alaska Housing Finance Corp.  
 Component: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sponsor: Governor  
 Requester: Governor Component Number: 110

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

	Appropriation Required	Information						
		FY 2009	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>								
Personal Services								
Travel								
Contractual								
Supplies								
Equipment								
Land & Structures								
Grants & Claims								
Miscellaneous								
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>10,000.0</b>	<b>10,000.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )</b>								

**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts								
1003 GF Match								
1004 GF								
1005 GF/Program Receipts								
1037 GF/Mental Health								
Other Interagency Receipts	0.0							
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2008) cos.: 0.0

**POSITIONS**

Full-time	0.0						
Part-time	0.0						
Temporary	0.0						

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)  
 There is a zero fiscal note attached to this legislation. The cost of administering the housing trust fund and supporting the Governor's Council will be covered by the capital appropriation (not to exceed 10%) and AHFC's existing operating budget. Administrative costs will include: staff salaries and benefits, travel and training, supplies and materials, and consulting costs. This level of funding will be sufficient to administer the housing trust fund and the Governor's Council.

Prepared by: Bryan Butcher Phone: 330-8445  
 Division: Alaska Housing Finance Corporation Date/Time: 2/18/08 2:00 PM  
 Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

Table with columns: Appropriation Required, Information (FY 2009, FY 2010, FY 2011, FY 2012, FY 2013, FY 2014). Rows include OPERATING EXPENDITURES (Personal Services, Travel, Contractual, Supplies, Equipment, Land & Structures, Grants & Claims, Miscellaneous) and CAPITAL EXPENDITURES.

FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars) table with columns: 1002 Federal Receipts, 1003 GF Match, 1004 GF, 1005 GF/Program Receipts, 1037 GF/Mental Health, Other Interagency Receipts, TOTAL.

Estimate of any current year (FY2008) cost: 0.0

POSITIONS

Table with columns: Full-time, Part-time, Temporary. Values are 0.0 for each.

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary) There is a zero fiscal note attached to this legislation. The cost of administering the housing trust fund and supporting the Governor's Council will be covered by the capital appropriation (not to exceed 10%) and AHFC's existing operating budget. Administrative costs will include: staff salaries and benefits, travel and training, supplies and materials, and consulting costs. This level of funding will be sufficient to administer the housing trust fund and the Governor's Council.

Prepared by: Bryan Butcher  
Division: Alaska Housing Finance Corporation  
Approved by: Jerry Burnett  
Department of Revenue

Phone 330-8445  
Date/Time 1/14/08 4:00 p.m.  
Date 1/14/1900

## Alaska Council on the Homeless

WHEREAS, the Alaska Council on the Homeless is charged with developing strategies designed to address the needs of homeless Alaskans; and

WHEREAS, approximately 3,500 people are homeless on any given night, including 1,600 people in families with children,<sup>1</sup> and more than 3,000 children were homeless or inadequately housed at some time during the 2005-2006 school year,<sup>2</sup> and

WHEREAS, approximately 4,000 households are waiting for public housing programs, mostly with children<sup>3</sup> and approximately 20,000 low-income households spend over half their income on housing, placing them at risk of homelessness;<sup>4</sup> and

WHEREAS, current housing programs are poorly connected to supportive services necessary to end the cycle of homelessness, and the lion's share of housing assistance is provided by federal programs that do not adequately focus on Alaska's homeless problem; and

WHEREAS, approximately \$45,000 is spent on intervention services on each homeless person in Alaska over a 20 month period;<sup>5</sup> and

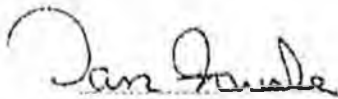
WHEREAS, more than 30 states have created housing trust funds, with consistent success in decreasing homelessness, which on average have leveraged \$9.25 in additional funding for each dollar invested; and

WHEREAS, an Alaska Housing Trust would emphasize prevention of homelessness in addition to addressing the needs of those who are already homeless; and

WHEREAS, an Alaska Housing Trust would be a strong partnership between public and private agencies and organizations; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alaska Council on the Homeless supports the creation of an Alaska Housing Trust.

ADOPTED THIS 8th DAY OF February, 2007



Dan Fauske  
Chairperson

<sup>1</sup> AHFC, Statewide Homeless Survey - Winter 2006. The survey uses the HUD definition, which focuses on people in shelters. It is a point-in-time count.

<sup>2</sup> Preliminary number from M. Gaber/Alaska Department of Education, Homeless Education Coordinator (personal communication to S. Schubert 9/25/06). The DOE definition also includes children in substandard housing, shared housing, and non-traditional spaces such as motels, campgrounds, and cars. DOE's number is cumulative for the school year.

<sup>3</sup> AHFC, Statewide Homeless Survey - Winter 2006. The survey uses the HUD definition, which focuses on people in shelters. It is a point-in-time count.

<sup>4</sup> MOA Housing and Community Development Consolidated Plan, 2003-2007, State 5-Year HUD Plan, 2006-10.

<sup>5</sup> Segal, B. Center for Alcohol & Addiction Studies, UAA. Summary Progress Report - Innovative Services for Alaska's Homeless Persons with Mental Illness, 7/03.



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Alaska Office of Long-Term Care Ombudsman  
Alaska Mental Health Trust  
Alaska Network on Domestic Violence &  
Sexual Assault  
Alaska State Independent Living Council  
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January 25, 2008

The Honorable Bettye Davis  
Alaska Senate  
State Capitol, Room 30  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Senator Davis:

On behalf of the over 70 groups that comprise the coalition in support of the Alaska Housing Trust, I would like to thank you for hearing SB 231. This important bill will give Alaska a needed tool to combat a growing problem in our state: homelessness.

The Alaska Housing Trust Initiative began in 2006 as a ground swell from service providers and affordable housing organizations to address a gap in the way that low income housing is built and to create stable housing with supportive services to help people transition into self-sufficiency.

The problem of homelessness is getting worse. Here are a few startling statistics:

- 3,500 Alaskans are homeless on any given night, including 1,600 people in families with children.
- 4,000 Alaskan households are on the waiting list for public housing programs – most are families with children.
- 20,000 low-income Alaska households spend more than half their income on housing, placing them at risk of homelessness.
- Families with children are the fastest growing segment of Alaska's homeless population.

The impacts of homelessness are not just limited to a lack of housing. Homeless people have trouble accessing services to help them get back on their feet, it is difficult to find or hold onto a job. Children suffer academically and often move from school to school.

There are high personal and public costs associated with being homeless or living on the edge of homelessness. Personal costs to individuals and families include greater family stress, lower student achievement, a higher risk of becoming a victim of crime, and increased medical and behavioral health needs. Costs to local governments and the State include increased use of emergency services, medical and behavioral health services, public safety and the courts.

The Housing Trust model is a tool that can help address some of the issues that cause homelessness and help homeless individuals get the services they need to get and maintain stable housing.

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We have attached a regional breakdown of rents and wages demonstrating how long a person working at minimum wage would have to work to afford housing in their community. Clearly, many Alaskans are struggling to stay in housing and the pace of wages cannot keep up with the rising cost of housing.

The Housing Trust model has been successful in over 33 states and in hundreds of communities. Supportive housing is one of the least expensive ways of addressing the issues that so many homeless people face. It cost thousands less per year than incarceration, hospitalization or institutionalization.

On behalf of the Coalition, we respectfully submit these materials and look forward to working together to create the Alaska Housing Trust.

Sincerely,



Jeff Jessee  
Chair, Housing Trust Steering Committee  
CEO, Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority

*Opportunity begins with a home*

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GOVERNOR

STATE OF ALASKA  
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JUNEAU

May 1st, 2007

### ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 236

I, Sarah Palin, Governor of the State of Alaska, under the authority of art. III, secs. 1 and 24, of the Alaska Constitution, and in accordance with AS 44.19.145(c), establish the Alaska Council on the Homeless in the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation.

#### BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Homelessness is one of the most challenging domestic issues facing the United States. Alaska is no exception. Alaska's Faith-Based and Community Initiatives Task Force found housing to be the most commonly identified challenge facing those in need. The Alaska Council on the Homeless (council) was initially established by Administrative Order No. 214 in April 2004 to develop a statewide action plan addressing homelessness in Alaska.

The plan, *Keeping Alaskans Out of the Cold*, was completed and submitted in October 2005. Included in its recommendations was the appointment of a steering committee to assist the governor and the legislature to develop an affordable housing trust. The steering committee completed its work in 2006 and the current council has recommended that the Alaska Housing Trust Fund (fund) be created within the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) under AS 18.56. The purpose of this Administrative Order is to add additional members to the council and to expand the council's duties.

#### MEMBERSHIP

The council consists of members appointed by the governor to serve at the pleasure of the governor. Continuing members of the original council are: one representative each from the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation, Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority, Department of Health and Social Services, Department of Education and Early Development, Department of Public Safety, and Department of Corrections serving on the effective date of this Order. New members are: one representative of regional Native housing authorities, one representative of municipal government, and four additional members with experience and expertise in housing development or as consumers of affordable housing.

The council may invite to its meetings non-voting representatives from federal and local government agencies, the business community, providers of services to the homeless, philanthropic agencies, faith-based organizations, homeless advocacy organizations, homeless persons, and community leaders. The council may elect a chair and other officers as determined necessary.

### **DUTIES OF THE COUNCIL**

The council's duties set out in Administrative Order No. 214 are amended by adding new duties as follows:

1. Assist with the development of the fund.
2. Upon establishment of the fund, annually evaluate housing needs and priorities to establish a statewide homeless action plan and recommend to the AHFC Board of Directors the allocation of money in the fund to implement the plan; other duties specific to the fund include monitoring implementation of the fund budget, recommending methods for evaluating and monitoring fund activities, recommending methodology for reporting to public and elected officials, coordinating the fund with other available financing sources, seeking additional money to support fund activities, and ensuring that projects supported by the fund are sustainable.
3. Monitor and review implementation of the statewide homeless action plan and annually report to the governor the council's findings and recommendations regarding implementation of the plan.
4. Annually report to the governor on how state resources, in addition to the fund, may be used to end homelessness.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT**

The AHFC shall provide administrative support for the council. In accordance with law, the AHFC may enter into intergovernmental agreements necessary to accomplish the purposes of this Order.

### **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

The following general provisions apply to the activities of the council:

1. Council members do not receive compensation as a member of the council. Per diem and travel expenses for state and federal members of the council are the responsibility of the state or federal agency the member represents.
2. To reduce costs, the council may use teleconferencing or other electronic means to the extent practicable in order to gain the widest public participation at minimum cost.
3. The council shall establish procedures for voting and meetings of the council.
4. Meetings of the council shall be conducted, and notice of the meetings provided, in accordance with AS 44.62.310 and 44.62.320 (Open Meetings of Governmental Bodies).

This Order takes effect immediately. This Order supplements Administrative Order No.

214 on this matter.

DATED at Juneau, Alaska, this 1st day of May, 2007.

/s/Sarah Palin  
Governor

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## ALASKA COALITION ON HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS

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February 8, 2008

The Honorable Bert Stedman  
Alaska Senate  
State Capitol, Room 516  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182  
Via fax: 907-465-3922

Re: SB 231

Dear Senator Stedman,

The Alaska Coalition on Housing and Homelessness strongly supports the Alaska Housing Trust in Senate Bill 231. Housing trusts are a proven model, effectively operating in 43 other states today to getting and keeping people housed.

Currently, 4000 Alaska households are on the waiting list for public housing programs, 20,000 low-income Alaskan households spend over 1/2 of their income on housing, placing them at risk for homelessness, and 45% of the homeless sector in Alaska are families with children. Stable and affordable housing is eluding too many Alaskans and the bad consequences to families and communities are too great.

Safe, stable, affordable housing promotes strong families. Home ownership provides a means for families to build assets and become more economically self-sufficient. Families have a foundation to grow their dreams and children are more successful in school. Seniors and persons with disabilities can live independently and with dignity.

Stable homes promote stable communities. When families are invested in neighborhoods, they increase their civic participation, juvenile delinquency rates are reduced, and employment rates are higher.

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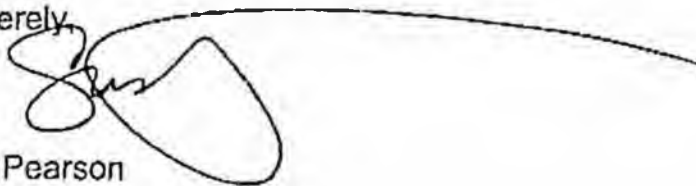
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An Alaska Housing Trust provides consistent resources and community collaborations to provide affordable housing and the support systems that keep people housed. Support networks, building up on existing community resources, can assist with basic life skills, like financial literacy and job training, as well as assist people to address underlying problems – disabilities, chronic illness, domestic violence or addiction – all which contribute to repeated experiences of homelessness.

The Alaska Coalition on Housing and Homelessness asks that you take this information into consideration when making a decision as to supporting HB 324 in order to keep Alaskan housed.

Thank you for your consideration of this information on a Housing Trust when making your decision.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Suzi", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right from the end of the signature.

Suzi Pearson  
Chair